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What is Claimed is:

- 1. An artificial fingernail, comprising a nail body made from transparent material and having a nail bed portion, a nail tip portion and a dividing line between the nail bed portion and the nail tip portion, the nail bed portion substantially corresponding to the nail bed of a natural fingernail and adapted to be adhered to a natural fingernail allowing at least a portion of the natural nail bed to be visible therethrough, the nail tip portion being provided with a continuous opaque decoration which obscures at least a portion of a natural nail tip when the artificial fingernail is applied over a natural fingernail.
- 2. The artificial fingernail as defined in Claim 1, wherein the dividing line is at an angle with respect to a transition line of a natural nail from bed to tip when the artificial fingernail is applied over the natural fingernail.
- 3. The artificial fingernail as defined in Claim 1, wherein the dividing line is generally aligned with a transition line of a natural fingernail from bed to tip when the artificial fingernail is applied over the natural fingernail.
- 4. The artificial fingernail as defined in Claim 1, wherein the continuous opaque decoration comprises paint covering a substantial portion of the nail tip portion, to give the appearance of a french manicure.
- The artificial fingernail as defined in Claim 4, wherein the paint is white and the substantial portion is the entire tip portion.
- The artificial fingernail as defined in Claim 1, further comprising decorative designs applied over the entire fingernail.
- The artificial fingernail as defined in Claim 1, further comprising a transparent sealer applied over the artificial nail, to protect the decoration.

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- 8. An artificial fingernail tip, comprising a nail body made from transparent material and having a nail base portion, a nail tip portion and a dividing line between the nail base portion and the nail tip portion, the nail base portion corresponding in size and shape to the distal end of a natural fingernail and adapted to be adhered to the distal end of the natural fingernail allowing at least a portion of the nail bed of a natural fingernail to be visible therethrough, and the nail tip portion being provided with a continuous opaque decoration which obscures at least a portion of a nail tip of a natural fingernail when the artificial fingernail tip is applied over the natural fingernail.
- 9. The artificial fingernail tip as defined in Claim 8, wherein the dividing line is at an angle with respect to a transition line of a natural nail from bed to tip when the artificial fingernail is applied over the natural fingernail.
- 10. The artificial fingernail tip as defined in Claim 8, wherein the dividing line is generally aligned with a transition line of a natural nail from bed to tip when the artificial fingernail is applied over the natural fingernail.
- 11. The artificial fingernail tip as defined in Claim 8, wherein the continuous opaque decoration comprises paint covering a substantial portion of the nail tip portion, to give the appearance of a French manicure.
- The artificial fingernail tip as defined in Claim 11, wherein the paint is white and the substantial portion is the entire tip portion.
- The artificial fingernail tip as defined in Claim 8, further comprising decorative designs applied over the fingernail tip.
- 14. The artificial fingernail tip as defined in Claim 8, further comprising a transparent sealer applied over the artificial nail tip, to protect the decoration.

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15. An artificial fingernail kit, comprising:

at least ten artificial fingernails, each nail comprising a nail body made from transparent plastic and having a nail bed portion, a nail tip portion and a dividing line between the nail bed portion and the nail tip portion, the nail bed portion substantially corresponding to at least the distal end of a natural fingernail and adapted to be adhered to a natural fingernail allowing at least a portion of the natural nail bed to be visible therethrough, at least a portion of the nail tip portion having a continuous opaque decoration which obscures a natural nail tip when said artificial fingernail is applied over a natural fingernail; and

an adhesive, wherein natural nail color is visible through the adhesive and artificial nail when the artificial nail is applied to a natural nail with the adhesive.

- 16. The artificial fingernail kit as defined in Claim 15, wherein the adhesive is translucent pink.
- 17. The artificial fingernail kit as defined in Claim 15, further comprising a transparent filler comprising a powder component and a liquid component, wherein said filler creates a smooth transition between an artificial nail and the natural nail bed when applied and creates a transparent coating so that the natural nail bed is visible through the nail bed portion of the artificial nail.

18. A method of applying artificial fingernails, comprising:

applying an adhesive to an artificial nail, said artificial nail comprising a nail body made from transparent material and having a nail bed portion, a nail tip portion and a dividing line between the nail bed portion and the nail tip portion, the nail bed portion substantially corresponding to at least the distal end of a natural fingernail and said nail tip portion being provided with a continuous opaque decoration which obscures at least a portion of a natural nail tip when said artificial fingernail is applied over a natural fingernail, wherein said adhesive is substantially contacted with the nail bed portion only; and

placing the nail bed portion over a natural nail bed such that at least a portion of the natural nail bed is visible through the adhesive and the nail bed portion of the

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artificial nail and at least a portion of the natural nail tip is obscured by the tip portion of the artificial nail.

- The method as defined in Claim 18, wherein the adhesive is translucent pink.
- 20. The method as defined in Claim 18, further comprising the step of applying a transparent acrylic filler to the natural nail bed to create a smooth transition between the natural nail bed and artificial nail.